

Washington Massage

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Wash. Chapter, American Association Masseurs & Masseuses

This is the first issue of the paper put out by your new editors Johnny (The Ink Slinger) Murray and Arthur (The Editor) Dunbar whose responsibility it will be to edit the next twelve issues and get them out as promptly as possible. We wish to thank Mrs Ruth Williams for doing such a fine job of editing in the past. She has devoted many hours of work to this paper and it is a privilege to relieve her of the burden for awhile. John and I will try and give you the good paper you are used to having and we request your cooperation in sending us information and suggestions along with your frank criticism of our efforts.

This issue as you have observed has been printed by a new method which we hope is an improvement over the former way which was so slow and laborious. This is versatile and less time-consuming. Please drop us a card and let us know what you think of it.

We extend an invitation to all of you who would like to write articles for the bulletin on any subject of interest to our readers, such as ways and means of improving our standards of professional practice and conduct; how we may increase our membership and how we may better serve our members. Knowledge kept to oneself is soon lost even to those who have it if not shared with others. That is the reason we have been given the gift of speech and thought. There is no one lonelier than he who works alone uncheered, uninspired and unappreciated. This is the reason for social organization and the best reason of all for us to attend our meetings and conventions.

The first question that comes to mind as we print this first issue is just what are we trying to accomplish as a group. We are a group of men and women who practice the science of massage, banded together in order to better ourselves and those

with whom we are associated through an exchange of ideas and information, that we may more effectively serve those who seek relief through our care. We are organized that we may aid and protect one another from unfair persecution when and if we are ever in jeopardy. That with God's help we may bring health and comfort to humanity and secure the rights of our clients; the privilege to avail themselves of the services we are skilled in giving. These are sacred to our patrons in that it safeguards their rights to seek and receive solace from pain in any way they desire. Human rights, like liberty, must be guarded by eternal vigilance. They are hard to win and easily lost if not zealously guarded. The right to health and relief from suffering is a right given to us by God as is the skill to overcome these conditions. The obligation to protect these falls primarily on those who practice in the art of relieving human misery. This is a trust and we may best discharge our duties as a group by working and thinking together.

A good sound organization may be built on this great principle that each member in our case working by himself comes up against certain conditions occurring in his patrons. He observes carefully as every good operator does. He notes all the various symptoms, conditions and other phenomenon present in his patient. He treats these conditions to the best of his ability trying first one method and then another, observing the results with great interest and care, noting the effectiveness of each technique both bad and good. Then he may discuss the methods at our meetings and conventions with other members. He will in the course of these discussions impart to the others valuable information that will prove to be of value to him. He will also acquire new enthusiasm for the work he is doing. This is the way in which all advancement has been made in all branches of human knowledge.

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Mrs. Ruth Williams was a visitor recently in Seattle. She came to visit a friend who was ill in the hospital and while here had a check-up which revealed the need for surgery. We are very happy to report it was a successful operation and she has been a guest at the ever hospitable Milton Weidfeldts where she convalesced. We all extend best wishes.

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As we go to press there are still no announcements of meetings to be held or of those already taken place.

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On a recent trip to Port Angeles John Murray called upon our fellow member Mr W.W. Perkins of that city. He found him busy and looking well. Mr Perkins said he would have liked to have attended the state convention but just couldn't get away. He said his hearing was failing and without the aid of Mrs Perkin's ears he would not have been able to here anything that was said. Hope you will have better luck next time, W.W.

We would like to have at least one page of this paper to be known as the "Clinic Page." We would like to have problems or case histories from any and all members throughout the year. If you have a problem case, describe it and what you are doing for it and if you feel others might benifit or give you some help let them give their answers.

If you have an interesting case history that turned out well for you and the patient lets have it that it might benifit others. It could also be very interesting to have some case histories in which we failed to get the desired results. We could be real honest with ourselves and state where we might have failed and ask for the opinions of others. We could all get some good ideas from opinions of otherss. That is the purpose of this little paper, to help each other and keep in close contact and harmony. Lets have some general opinions from members on this idea.